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SUBJECT: KAMAL HOSSEIN: ONCE AND FUTURE FOREIGN MINISTER

- 1. WHILE DACCA IS, EVEN IN THE QUIETEST OF TIMES, BLESSED WITH A SURFEIT OF RUMORS, AT PRESENT, WITH CONSTITUTIONAL AND POLITICAL CHANGES IN PROCESS, THE CONTINUED ABSENCE OF FOREIGN MINISTER-DESIGNATE KAMAL HOSSEIN BRINGS FORTH SOME OF THE FANCIEST VARIATIONS. WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING ANY INFORMATION YOU MAY BE ABLE TO DEVELOP WHICH MIGHT PERMIT A MORE CERTAIN FIX.
- 2. AS FAR AS WE KNOW, KAMAL IS, OR HAS BEEN, AT OXFORD, LECTURING. HE IS SUPPOSED TO BE WORKING ON A BOOK, POSSIBLY DEALING WITH THE LIBERATION STRUGGLE. ACCORDING TO THE FOREIGN SECRETARY, HE SIMPLY WANTS A LITTLE PEACE AND QUIET SO THAT HE CAN FINISH THE MANUSCRIPT. ON THE OTHER HAND, WE ALSO HEAR THAT KAMAL DOES NOT PLAN TO RETURN, UNCOMFORTABLE WITH THE RECENT CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES. OR THAT HE WILL RETURN ONLY AFTER "FURTHER KMGES" HAVE OCCURRED, AND SOME ASSERT THESE TO MEAN SHEIKH MUJIB'S OUSTER. WITH THIS KIND OF RANGE, WE WOULD AT THE LEAST LIKE TO BRING THE MATTER OF KAMAL'S ABSENCE INTO CLEARER FOCUS.

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